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SUBJECT: EC POLICY IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

REF: EC BRUSSELS 7033

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AN INTERNAL EC COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD: EMPHASIZE THE EXPANSION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN LDC'S; AGREE TO THE PROPOSAL BOTH FOR CREATION OF A SINGLE DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A WORLD FOOD HIGH AUTHORITY; NOT SUPPORT THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR AN

INTERNATIONAL GRAIN STOCKPILING SYSTEM. THE COMMUNICATION ALSO CONTAINS THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR FOOD AID, BY PRODUCTS. END SUMMARY.

2. WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM A WELL-PLACED EC COMMISSION SOURCE AN UNDATED DRAFT COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BRIEFLY OUTLINING THE RECOMMENDED POSITION OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH THE DOCUMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DRAFTED FOR USE IN THE THIRD PREPCOM JUST TERMINATED IN ROME, IT REMAINS USEFUL AS AN INDICATION OF THE COMMISSION'S THINKING REGARDING STOCKPILING, THE BOERMA PROPOSAL AND THE U.S. GRAIN STOCKPILING PROPOSAL. A FREE TRANSLATION OF THE DOCUMENT IS BEING TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF ITS HIGHLIGHTS:

A. THE U.S. EMPHASIS ON REASONABLE PRICES FOR CONSUMERS WOULD SEEM TO PUT A LIMIT ON THE IMPACT OF THE ASSISTANCE THE U.S. PROPOSES TO GIVE TO EXPANSION OF LDC FOOD PRODUCTION;

B. THE COMMUNITY CANNOT SIMPLY POINT TO ITS EXISTING AID TO LDC'S BUT MUST DEVELOP A PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM, PUTTING PRIMARY STRESS ON DEVELOPING LDC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

C. THE COMMUNITY SHOULD AGREE TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE WFC SECRETARIAT FOR CREATION OF A SINGLE DEVELOPMENT FUND AND REJECT PROPOSALS FOR OTHER NEW SPECIFIC-PURPOSES FUNDS;

D. THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES COULD AGREE TO THE PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD FOOD HIGH AUTHORITY, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE A VAST BUREAUCRACY, BUT A COORDINATING ORGANIZATION TO IMPROVE THE PROCEDURE AND FUNCTIONING OF EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS;

E. THE COMMUNITY CANNOT SUPPORT THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF GRAIN STOCKPILING BECAUSE IT WOULD AFFECT SIGNIFICANTLY THE COMMUNITY'S POSITION IN THE MTN'S WHERE IT INTENDS TO PROPOSE NEGOTIATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL GRAINS AGREEMENT;

F. THE PAPER RECALLS THAT THE COMMISSION ON MARCH 6 PROPOSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING QUANTITIES OF FOOD PRODUCTS AS ITS COMMITMENT TO AN EVENTUAL FOOD AID PROGRAM:

PRODUCTS	MINIMUM COMMITMENT	MAXIMUM COMMITMENT	PROGRAMMED QUANTITIES
	1973/74		
	(-----IN METRIC TONS-----)		
CEREALS	1,000,000 (A)	1,800,000 (A)	580,000

POWDERED

SKIM MILK	1,700,000 (B)	2,500,000 (B)	1,287,000
BUTTEROIL	45,000	65,000	45,000
SUGAR	10,000	40,000	6,000

OTHER PRODUCTS (C)

(A) ASSUMPTION: EXISTING NATIONAL ACTIONS (700,000TONS) ADDED  
TO THIS TOTAL COMMUNITY ACTION.

(B) ASSUMPTION: NO NATIONAL ACTIONS.

(C) THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM COMMITMENTS ARE IN VALUE TERMS  
20,000,000 AND 30,000,000U.A., RESPECTIVELY. GREENWALD

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